

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 4
HENRICO, VA
JANUARY 17, 2019**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on January 17, 2019, at 9:08 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tregel Cockburn, DVM, Chairperson
Mark Johnson, DVM
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Jessica Kelley, Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Thomas P. Burgess, DVM**
License No. 0301001312
Case No.: 172323
- Discussion:** Dr. Burgess appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 24, 2018, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Burgess was represented by counsel, Matthew Roberson, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Burgess.
- Closed Session:** Dr. Johnson moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Thomas P. Burgess, DVM**. Additionally, Dr. Johnson moved that Ms. Moss attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Reconvene:** Dr. Johnson moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed

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meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**DECISION:
Case No. 172323**

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee.

Upon a motion by Dr. Johnson and duly seconded by Dr. Cockburn, the Committee dismissed this case, finding that there was insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board. The hearing adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Tregel Cockburn, D.V.M., Chairperson

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director